THE THEATRICAL MANAGER IN THE PALMY DAYS AND NOWADAYS.

Some Characteristics of the Man of Busi-ness in Dramatic Art-Two Very Different Times at a Railway Meal Station
-The Pert Girl in a Cuban War Play.

The theatrical maneger in "the palmy days" was a good deal of a humbug. He posed as a patron of dramatic art. He wors much velvet and fur on his coat, the brim of his high hat was wide, and he stood at the portal of the theatre with one hand in his breast and the other behind him. Those hands were usually empty, and so were his pockets. He paid his debts when he could and had to. He felt no more bound by his pompous promises to the public than he did by those he made recklessto his employees. He is still to be found, but he is no longer typical of the business. He has been displaced by a man with the methods of a merchant, who finds out what will sell, commands sufficient capital to produce the salable matter, and is as trustworthy and responsible as the average dealer in wares. He may have a pride of character which will not permit him to appeal to vicious tastes, and in that case he promotes what is seemly in dramatic literature, though taking care that it shall be at the same time likely to comply with a remunerative demand. He will invest thousands of dollars in enterprises where his predecessor would not put hun dreds. He is a fostering and inspiring patron of the histrionic arts, and none the less so be cause he is after a pecuniary reward. At the other extreme of stage diversion, he may be shameless as to the kind he provides, notwithstanding that he is still circumspect in his money dealings. He may not be averse to wallowing in the mire, but with his fouled fingers he will pay the last cent he owes. It is the exceptional manager nowadays who does not conduct his affairs as equitably as the average that obtains in any other line of purchase and sale. But his pursuit is more precarious. The risks of loss are in a heavy racarious. The risks of loss are in a heavy ratio to the chances of gain, even though he be
shrewd, careful and judicious. Fortunes aceumulated in the dramatic field are few, and
usually by actors, not managers, and even
with the most famous of the actors material
fortune is uncertain. Edwin Booth was a
bankrupt at the zenith of his fame, and his
tours had become unprofitable. Then the
tide turned, and within five years he made so
much money that when he died his estate was
worth over \$500.000. The manager rises and
falls with even greater celerity than the actor. A theatrical manager, now prosperous, was

encountered as he alighted at a meal station on a transcontinental railway. "I take my meals in my private car," he said, "and I am getting a lot of pleasure by the sight of a place where I can cat but don't want to, because I once wanted to and couldn't. I am making the trip now in a car exclusive to myself and attendants. I do it to gratify a whim. Sixteen years ago I was out here in this country with a losing company. We got into a certain town just in time to give an evening performance, and were to resume our journey next morning. The receipts were small, and I divided them among the actors, so they rould be able to settle for lodgings and breakwould be able to settle for lodgings and breakfasts, but in buying three cigars for a quarter I discovered that it broke into the only dollar left in my pocket. Transportation had been paid for at the start on this railroad, and I hoped to make a profit at our next night's stand, but in the meanwhile, where was I to sleep? I was too proud to confess my impecuniosity by borrowing from any of my actors. Then I bethought myself of a free pass which had been given to meas manager, and on which I was entitled to ride to and fro at my pleasure. It didn't include a berth in a sleeper, but with It I could spend the night in a car seat. I dozed and tried to draw consolation from my three cigars till about 4 o'clock in the morning. Then I changed to a train going back. It stopped at this same meal station for breakfast. I was ravenously hungry. The breakfast amelied good and looked good, but its price was 70 cents, or exactly all I had. I dared not leave myself without a cent for the smallest inoidentals during the day. There was no lunch counter at which I could buy a snack. Not even a cup of confee was on sale separate from the meal. I was ashamed to ask that an exception b made in my case. So I had to take my appetite back into the car, without so much as a cigar left for solace, and wait till I reached the town to buy a 20-cent breakfast at a cheap restaurant. That is why I am enjoying my trip over the same line in a hotel car all to myself, and take loy in smilling disdainfully at this particular meal station." fasts, but in buying three cigars for a quarter

The war between the United States and Spain has overthrown the comic Irish Sergeant in at least one war drama. Aside from the shift to things tropical in the scenary and to sunburnt complexions for the villains, this is the most radical novelty that the contest has led to on the stage. "Red, White and Blue" has a funny Irishman, but gives him little to do. The substitute for the usual Irish Bergeant is a girl. She is a saucy thing. Her pertness is equal to that of Irish melodramas' familiar broth of a boy, who derides cruel landlords and cape-coated heirs to vast canvas estates. Spanish officers are her victims. and the American girl mocks them boldly. and the American girl mocks them boldly. She is too independent to bend to military discipline, and in consequence becomes a captive to her enemies. Although kept in an old barn with her ar is tied behind her, she does not let her spirits droop. She is told by the officer in command that she will soon be anot. Then her chin goes up, and she sauces him until the gallery snickers, while he gnashes his teeth. He is just the sort of an individual to strike her dead, but that makes no difference to the pert one. It has ever been the business of the Irish Sergeant to be useful in some serious incident. His saucebox substitute succeeds to his responsibility. The barn has a platform like a hayloft, and from this it is the plan of the prisoners to lasso their captors. Miss Pertness and the play's impossible newspaper correspondent stand with their backs to the posts, as though tied there. Two Spannards enter, drag straw to the feet of the prisoners and are about to fire it. Then the roises are dropped. The correspondent's torturer is caught about the neck by the noose. The man standing near the woman is missed, but she catches the loose end of the rope and runs around the post several times, binding the fellow to it. Later she takes a fever and raves about her sweetheart, while her friends await an attack upon their poorly defended fort. This the conic Irishman never did. But she is his successor again when she becomes a last-resort fighter and assists in firing a brass cannon that punctures a row of attackers.

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William H. Crane has decided to bring out "The Head of the Family" at the Knicker-booker next Tuesday night. It is an adaptation by Clyde Fitch and Leo Dietrichstein of a German comedy by L'Arrenge.

Maude Adams is getting ready to play Juliet late this season, with William Faversham as the Romeo. Alice Nielsen lunched with Mrs. McKinley at the White House, and sang some ballads afterward at a reception. Lillian Russell is in town idle, but may go to London Aunt Louisa Eldridge is at work for the annual Christmas tree and festival for the children of the stage.

Gilbert Saroney, an impersonator of eccentric women, disappeared mysteriously from Worcester, where he had been acting in a fare.

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Henry Irving is better of his picurisy, but will not act again within a month or two. E. S. Willard has recovered partly from nervous prostration, and will spend the winter in Italy.

J. L. Toole has entirely regained his evesight through a surgical operation. Victory Batchman, who was prostrated by overwork in chean stock companies, is convalescing in New Jersey. Joseph Jefferson sends word to Tur Sir that he expects to return to the stage in Washington week a ter next.

Frank Moran, one of the objection negro minatels, has gone to a Philadelphia hosoital to die of consumption. He first blackened his face lifty years axio.

Admiral Schley in a box at a Philadelphia

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Admiral Schiey in a box at a Philadelphia theatre divided with Edward H. Sethern on the stage the attention of the audience. "I really don't know," said the actor before the surtain, "whether this ap-iause is for him or for me." The naval hero had to make a

apeech.
Minnie Maddern Fiske is plaving "Tess" in half-price theatres, and the audiences do not take the performance seriously in the more oddly artistic scenes. The tremors of the girl after she has murdered her naramour have been applicated by appreciative people, but they are inugled at unroariously by people accustomed only to conventional things.

Another Steamship Fire in Galveston.

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 30.-Fire was discovered this evening in cotton stowed in hold No. 3 of the steamship Matteawan of the Lone Star Line. Steam was quickly turned on and is now being injected into the hold to suppress the fire. It will be impossible to ascertain the loss until the cargo is broken out and discharged. The cause of the fire is a mystery. The flat-leawan was to have sailed in the morning for lew York. / THE OPERA.

A Most Enjoyable and Excellent Perform

Rossini's "Barbiere di Seviglia" makes strong contrast to the heroic grandeur and pageantry of "Tannhäuser," which it followed so closely. Yet there is much to enjoy in the merry, melodious work, and there were many people gathered in the Metropolitan last evening to enjoy it. The performance lay in competent hands, as a glance at the cast will

Mme. Sembrieb Rosins. Bertha......Mile. Bauermeister Bartolo.....Sig. Carbone Sargents......Sig. Vanni ..M. Mour

Conductor, S gnor Mancinelli. Without exaggeration it may be said that the opera was perfectly performed. Not a point that ought to have been made was omitted, and indeed there would have been something like a superfluity of by-play were it not that the plot of "The Barber" is such that it can absorb the liveliest, even the most violent action and only gain in its farcical humor. Signor Mancinelli is most sympathetic and able conductor. Under his guidance not a mark of expression was passed by without its due weight, while at the same time the actors, who were all perfect in their rôles, had ample opportunity to carry on their laughable anties without being harassed by an unreasonable wielder of the

io carry on their laughable anties without being harassed by an unreasonable wielder of the baton.

Mine. Sembrich made her first appearance this season in what is probably her bost and favorite impersonation. At her entranes she was received with very great enthusiasm, receiving longer and more violent applause as a welcome than any of the singers on Tuesday evening could boast. Extreme cultivation and pure refined art is quickly recognized and keenly appreciated. It is gratifying also to note that coloratur singers are always more captivating to the great public than those of any other school. Sembrich reigned as the brilliant star of the evening, her splendld florid execution in the lesson scene winning a real ovation. She chose for her songs of display the waitz, "Primavera," by Strauss; Chopin's "Mère la Birdling," which she sang in Polish, accompanying herself at the piano in a most musicianly way, and "Ah non Guingo" from "Sonnambula."

Campanari made a Barber so realistic that it would have been hard for the time to imagine him able to assume any other character. Carbone has long been associated with the role of Don Bartlot, and he is truly Don Barloto and no one else. Nothing is wanting to his interpretation, nor could it in any manner be improved. Edouard de Hesske took the part of Don Basilio, putting more fun and froite into his action than was ever given to it by any other artist. Some of the situations he made together with Carbone set the audience into loud peals of laughter. It would be difficult, too, to replace Saliquae in the role of Count Almaviva. He is graceful and making it interesting.

The performances.

Dates of Grand Opera Performances.

The dates of the performances of " Der Ring der Nibelungen" to be given at the Metropolitan Opera House were announced last night. Two performances of the cycle will be given, one in the afternoon and one at night. Rheingold" will be sung on Thursday evening, Jan. 12, and on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7. The evening performance will commence at 8:30 o'clock and finish at 11; the afternoon performance will commence at 2:30 o'clock and finish at 5. The second opera of the cycle "Die Walkuere" will be sung on Tuesday evening at 7 and close at 11:45 on Jan. 17. The afternoon performance which will be given on Feb. 9 will commence at 1 o'clock and and at 5:15. "Siegfried" will be sung on Tuesday, Jan. 19. The performance will begin at 7 and conclude at 11:50. The afternoon performance will commence at 1 o'clock and conclude at 5:50. "Goetterdaemmerung" will commence at the evening performance on Jan. 24 at 6:45, and end at 11:45. It will be sung on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 16. The curtain will rise at 12:45 and fall for the last time at 5:45. New scenery and costumes are promised, with the best Wagnerian singers in the company. 8:30 o'clock and finish at 11; the afternoon per-

MUSICIANS QUARRELLING AGAIN. Rival Unions Charge Each Other with Vari-

ous Offences Against Unionism. The long-standing jealousy between the Musical Mutual Protective Association and the Manhattan Musical Union has again broken out into open hostility. For a long time the two organizations have paid more attention to fighting each other than they have to fighting unorganized musicians. Each says it is the only simon-pure article in the shape of a only simon-pure article in the shape of a union. The Protective Association has its neadquarters at Sixtleth street and Third avenue and its membership comprises members of some of the best bands in the city. Their rivals' headquarters are in Fourth street, near the Bowery, and the uptown union is sometimes rather contemptuous in references to it. No one is allowed to belong to both organizations, and this is what caused the trouble.

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Robert Mullen is the Secretary of the Manhattan Union, and recently he applied for admission into the uptown organization. His ostensible reason was that he desired to amnigamate the two bodies in crder that they might fight non-union bands to better advantage. His action started a row.

Adullen's enemies declared that he wanted to be in both unions so that he could have both organizations at his back in his effort to secure from Tammany Hall contracts to play during the summer on one of the recreation piers. No action has yet been taken by either union, but the downtown members are doing a good deal of talking. They say that even if the uptown fellows take in Mullen the rest of them will stand no chance to get in because the examination demanded will be too high for any one save a Paderewski.

Another charge made by the downtown crowd is that the Protective Association members follow other occupations for a living. The case of President Bremer is cited. He is said to get \$2,000 a year from a political position. In answer to this Jacob Beck, ex-Secretary of the National Legue of Musicians, with which the Protective Association is affiliated, wrote an open letter to the rival body charging the same offence. Among their members he cites a hotel keeper, a printer, a reel estate operator and a photographer. Beck, who was a member of Beck's Band of Philadelphia, which consisted of a father and seven sons, died suddenly since issuing the letter. The Manhattan Union affiliates with the Federation of Labor.

New Gas Company in New Jersey.

TRENTON, Nov. 30.-The Essex and Hudson Gaslight Company, with a capitalizat \$6,500,000, was incorporated to-day with the \$6,500,000, was incorporated to-day with the Secretary of Stats. The incorporators named are Thomas N. McCarter, Jr., of Newark, and George S. Philler and Elmer Smalling of Philadelphia. The new company is the operating company organized by the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia to operate under the franchises of the Newark, Orange, East Orange, Harrison, East Newark, Irvington, Bloomfield, Montclair and Summit gas companies. The newly incorporated company will make and sell illuminating and fuel gas in the counties of Easex, Union and Hudson.

New York City Must Pay \$190,662 to Queens County.

An action brought in the name of Henry C. Korfmann, Chairman of the Queens County Board of Supervisors, against the city of New York has been decided in favor of Queens York has been decided in favor of Queens county by Justice Stillwater of Albany. The action was brought to compel the city to pay to Queens county money put in the tax budget for 1888, which was to be used to meet county expenses. Congressman-Elect Townsend Scudder appeared for the board of Supervisors and Assistant Corporation Counsel W. J. Carr for the city. Justice Stillwater rendered a decision in favor of the county for \$190,662.82.

Will Delay the Payment of Teachers. Comptroller Coler has written to the Board of Comptroller Coler has written to the Board of Education replying to a letter from the Finance Committee of the board, telling them that if, as they say, they cannot get the December payrolls to his office until Dec. 20, instead of Dec. 15, he will not be able to pay the teachers until five days later than he had intended to. He also approves President Hubbell's suggestion that janitors' payrolls be kept separate from teachers' rolls.

To Present Gen. Wheeler with a Horse. Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 30.—Gen. Wheeler will accept a Kentucky saddle horse, presented him by the citizens of Huntsville, to-morrow afternoon. The occasion will be a holiday in this district, which is represented by Gen. Wheeler in Congress. Immediately after the presentation the First Cavalry Brigade will pass in review.

Brooklyn's Water Supply Not Affected. Engineer do Varona said yesterday that the break in the dam at De Mott's pond at Rock-ville Centre had no effect whatever on the Brooklyn water supply. STARVATION IN HAVANA

PPTIFUL STORT TOLD TO THE PRESI-DENT BY GEN. BUTLER.

He Says People of Culture and Refinemen Are Starving to Drath in their Homes-There Are 3,000 of Them, Besides the Poor Who Wander Through the Streets. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Major-Gen. M. C. Butler, a member of the Cuban Evacuation Commission, who has been in Washington for several days in consultation with the President, tells a somewhat startling tale about the distress and starvation existing at present in the city of Havans. Since hostilities ceased, he says, the people in the United States have not heard so often or so much in detail of the misery prevailing among the Cuban families, and this may account in a measure for the lack of concerted and effective action for their re-Gen. Butler has told the whole pitiful tale to the President and he has promised to employ all the resources of the Government to relieve it. Some steps have already been taken. One supply ship, the Batten, has just discharged half a million rations, constituting half of its cargo of relief supplies, for distribution among the sufferers in the neighborhood of Havana, and is now en route to Clenfuegos with the balance. The Government also has rechartered the supply ship Comal, with the intention of loading a million and a half of rations for prompt despatch to Cuba from New

intention of loading a million and a half of rations for prompt despatch to Cuba from New York, but according to Gen. Butler's statements red tape must be quickly cut or the supplies will arrive too late to save the starving people of Havana. Private charity alone can save the urgent eases now, according to Gen. Butler.

"If the Evacuation Commissioners had had \$10,000 or \$15,000 a short time ago," he said to-day, "they could have relieved a great deal of hopeless suffering immediately about Havana, and \$5,000 would go a long way even now. The Commissioners are constantly appealed to for relief, which they are nowerless to extend. The Spanlard's have done something to relieve the distress. They have distributed certain supplies, consisting largely of bason. But this amounts to little more than giving a stone where bread is asked.

Months of privation have reduced most of the surviving sufferers to such a condition that their systems afe powerless to assimiliate such food. What they need is condensed milk and easily digested food of that character, seuch as is supplied for invalids. To make the relief successful, the quality of the food supplied is of the first importance, but hardly less important is the manner of its distribution. If it is turned over to third barties for wholesale distribution, little of it will reach the proper destination. Those who furnish it must see that it is taken from door to door and given to the needy on the spot.

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"The most pitiful cases," said Gen. Butler, "are presented by those people of culture and refinement who did not know want until the desolation caused in the country districts by the Spanish policy extended to the city of Havana—people who are too proud to beg, who cannot afford to buy. They are literally starving to death in their homes. It is estimated that there are at least 3,000 of these. They are, of course, entirely distinct from those of the boorer classes, who wander disconsolate through the streets. As an example I may cite the case of one family of listinction in Havana. The head of the family lies helpless with paralysis on his bed. His wite, a lady of the highest culture, came to me in despair. A hundred dollars would have been a goodend to her. It would have furnished her household with supplies for several months, and tided them over these bitter times, but the commission had no funds."

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In Gen. Butler's opinion, the people of the United States do not understand these condi-tions. If they did, he is sure they would take measures to relieve them instantly. For his own part he has done much to furnish infor-mation which would lead to instant measures to bring at least a part of this terrible silent suffering to an end.

PAID ABSENT WOMAN'S FINE.

Lawyer Personates Client to End a Case-Mott Bars Reporters.

When the case of Clara Waldorf of Philadelphia, who was arrested for disorderly conduct on Tuesday by Policeman Shibless of the West Thirtieth street station, was called in the West Fifty-fourth Street Court yesterday, a young man told Magistrate Mott that she was ill and man told Magistrate Mott that she was iil and couldn't appear until the afternoon. In the afternoon J. Rosenbach, a lawyer, offered himself as her representative. It was suggested that he pay the fine. He agreed to do so, and Magistrate Mott got rid of the case by saying that the woman was fined \$3. Rosenbach then handed that amount to Chief Clerk McCabe. Two hours later the woman walked into court, accompanied by the young man who had said in the morning that she was sick. On learning that the fine had been paid they hurried away. Magistrate Mott refused to allow newspaper reporters on the bridge during the afternoon session of the court.

Ten Years for Louis Sedelfsky: Three for

Lena Cohen, His Accomplice. Louis Sedolfsky, a waiter in an east side restaurant, who was convicted of assault in the first degree before Justice Newburger in Part IV. of the General Sessions on Tuesday was sentenced to ten years in State prison yes-

was sentenced to ten years in State prison yesterday in the same court, and Lena Cohen, the keeper of the café where Sedolfsky had lured his 14-year-old victim, Minnie Krakow, was sent to the woman's State prison at Auburn for three years. In sentencing Sedolfsky, Justice Newburger said:

"You are called a man, but do not deserve the name. It is a pity that the whipping post is not in vogue at the present time. Language is inadequate to express the contempt every decent man should feel for such a brute. I propose to aid the police in every way in their efforts to rid the city of the class to which you belong."

WHERE IS JAMES C. ARCHER?

Left Home with \$300 in His Pecket on Nov. 18 and Has Not Returned.

JAMAICA, L. I., Nov. 30 .- The family of James C. Archer, a real estate auctioneer of this village, are worried over his absence from home. On Nov. 18 Mr. Archer bade his wife good-by, saying he was going away. He did not tell her where he was going. He has not returned home since, and members of the family who have made inquiries for him have not been able to learn his whereabouts. His brother. Theodore F. Archer, said to-day that his brother got \$300 from him the day he went away. Besides this money, he says, his brother had two valuable diamonds and a gold watch, valued altogether at \$1,000. He fears that his brother has met with foul play. A few weeks ago the missing man was absent for ten days, and his brother had to take charge of a sale of land at Flatlands for him. saying he was going away. He did not tell

MORRIS ROSE'S POOR PULL

One Time Candidate for Assembly Arrested

for Keeping His Saloon Open. Morris Rose, who was the Tammany Hall andidate for Assembly in the Eighth Assembly district two years ago, was arraigned yesterday in the Essex Market Court charged with keeping open his salcon at 294% Grand street until nearly 4 o'clock vesterday morning. He was arrested by Pollceman Clarence of the Eldridge street station, who declared that Rose boasted of his ruli and defled the pollce to compel him to close his salcon during prohibited hours. Rose was paroled for examination.

Three Fall from a Scaffold. While Constinie Blum, 42 years old, of 93 Forest avenue; Walter Beaird, 31 years old, of 251 West 135th street, and Peter J. Rodgers, 26 years old, of Lexington avenue and 125th street, were on a scaffold at the second story of the new building at the northwest corner of 125th street and the Boulevard, the rope broke, throwing the three men to the ground. Rodgers's injuries may be mortal. Blum and Beaird are not dangerously hurt.

Repairing Old Trinity's Clock. The big clock in the steeple of old Trinity

Church is being overhauled. The clock stopped last Saturday afternoon at 4:55 o'clock. It had stopped before that at frequent intervals, and it was decided to take the works apart and repair them thoroughly. The machinery was found to be rusted and in a very bad condition generally. The repairs will be finished in a few days.

Dispensary Bill in the Alabama Legislature. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 30 .- A State Liquor Dispensary bill, similar in provisions to South Carolina law, is being discussed by the Alabama Senate. It will likely pass that body. Two local disponsary bills passed the House yesterday, but it is believed the general law will be defeated there.

Mrs. Teresa Madison Dies.

Mrs. Teresa Madison, 77 years old, of 151 First avenue, who was thrown down and dragged along the platform of the Second avenue elevated railroad station at Fighth street Tuesday afternoon, died in Bellevue Hospital. F. L. RELAND SEEKS DIVORCE.

His Attorney Says Mrs. Reland Is Now or the Stage Under an Assumed Name.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.-Ferdinand L. Reand, a mechanical engineer, known in New York, Chicago, Liverpool and this city, has filed a libel for divorce against his wife on the ground of desertion. Mr. Reland's attorney says of the suit:

"Mr. Reland was married to Miss Emily Matthews on Jan. 1, 1803, in New York, and lived at Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y., for a long time. Only a short time after their

for a long time. Only a short time after their marriage he noticed that his wife was receiving letters from theatrical people. They were sent to the house, some unsealed, and these he opened. They were signed by men known in the vaudeville world. Once two men called at the house and inquired for his wife. These two, he told me, he thrashed soundly. He semoustrated with his wife and then moved to this city, residing tor a short time in a house on East Susquehanna avenue.

"After a six-months' residence here he went back to Columbia Heighits. Affairs did not improve and he moved here again; this time to a house on Sedgewick street.

"A short time ago he intercepted a letter for his wife from an actor playing in a Philadelphia theatre. Afterward he hired detectives, who followed his wife to a local theatre, and afterward sw her in company with an actor. The result of the detectives' investigation was why Mr. Reland sued for divorce and the custody of one child.

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"Mrs. Reland, her husband informs me, has gone upon the stage, and is acting under an assumed name."

GIRL STRIKERS HAVE A DANCE. Seventy-three Wrapper Makers Ouit Work

and Proceed to Enjoy Themselves. Seventy-three girls who were employed by Henry Ettelson in making wrappers at 309 Canal street went on strike yesterday against a reduction of wages, and afterward, according to custom in such cases, held a meeting The meeting took place in a small hall at 73 Ludlow street, and was run by Isaac Goldenberg, Secretary of the Vest and Wrapper Makers' Union.

The girls, who looked plump and hearty, listened to a recital of their alleged wrongs very cheerfully, and then organized a dance. very cheerfully, and then organized a dance, Dancing was kept up with great spirit for several hours, a number of young men, members of the union, participating. Most of the girls admitted that a little matter like a strike did not worry them much.

According to the strikers themselves, they used to make from \$12 to \$15 a week, according to the department of work they were engaged in, but wages were cut repeatedly, the last cut enabling them to earn only from \$3 to \$5 a week.

Mr. Ettelson was engaging new girls yester-day and said that the girls who went on strike had always been well treated. The cut in wa-ges was made because the new work is simpler than the old, and even at the reduced wages, he said, they could make more money than un-der the old conditions.

DIED IN AN ELEVATED STATION. Capt. Smith Laughed at His Son's Warning Not to Go Out.

Thomas R. Smith, known to yachtsmen a Capt." Tom Smith, died suddenly yesterday at the Eighty-first street station of the Ninth avenue elevated railroad. He was 72 years old. He left his home, 131 West 116th street, to go downtown to business, in spite of the advice of his son, who told him the weather was too cold for him to go out. He became sick on the train, and at Eighty-first street was assisted to the and at Eighty-list street was assisted to the station platform by two passengers. The body was removed to the West Sixty-eighth street police station, where his son identified it. Cart. Smith had an attack of paralysis about a year ago, but had been in good health recently. Capt. Smith had been employed by Harper Bros. for forty years. He was superintendent of the folding room for a number of years. He was a member of the New Bochelle Yacht Club and of John D. Willard Lodge, F. and A. M. He was skipper of the yacht Rosetta, and made was skipper of the yacht Rosetta, and mad many cruises with Capt. Hank Haff of the De

TRAIN ROBBERS BAFFLED.

A Missouri Pacific Train Held Up-An En-

gineer One of the Bandits. SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 30 .- The Missouri Pacific passenger train 74, which left St. Joseph at 2:30 P. M. via Kansas City, running to Sedalia over the Lexington branch, was held up four and one-half miles west of Sedalia at 9:55 o'clock last night by three masked men, one of whom. Jim West, an engineer in the company's employ, was captured, while a second is believed to have been wounded and the third

escaped. The company's superintendent, L. D. Hop-kin-, had learned that the hold-up was to be attempted and the capture of the bandits was planned. West was an old employee of the Missouri West was an old employee of the Missouri Pacific, and had been running between Sedalia and Kansas City for several years.

MAIL CARRIER ACCUSED OF THEFT Charged with Taking Two Letters from Station L in Harlem.

Albert S. Hopping, a mail carrier attached to Branch Post Office Station L in Harlem, was held for examination under \$2,000 ball by Commissioner Alexander yesterday upon a charge of mail robbery. Post Office Inspector Morris accuses Hopping of atealing two letters from the distributing table in Branch L. one of which was addressed to "Mrs. Connell, 134 North Elliott place, Brooklyn," and the other to "Mrs. Helene Bradley, Washington, Litchfield county,

Coun."
Hopping has been twelve years in the postal service. He has a wife and grown son, with whom he lives at 728 East 134th street.

HANSOM HITS AMBULANCE Patient on His Way to Bellevue Hospital

Shaken Up. A New York Hospital ambulance was run into by a hansom cab at Broadway and Twentyfourth street last evening while taking patient to Bellevue. The patient was shaken up considerably, as was Dr. Pederson, the am Julance surgeon. He caused the arrest of Joseph Cook of 353 West Thirty-seventh street, the driver of the hansom. Cook was locked up in the West Thirtieth street station house on a charge of reckless driving.

ROBBED WHILE IN JAIL. Frederick Schubert Not Guilty of Abducting

Betsy Leichner. Frederick Schubert and his wife, Bertha, who

were arrested Tuesday, charged with abducting Betsy Leichner, 16 years old, of 21 Lewis street, were discharged yesterday in the Essex Market Court for lack of evidence. When they returned to their cafe they found that during their abscence burglars had entered it and stolen clothing valued at \$50, a watch and chain, cigars to the value of \$12 and \$18 in cash.

OBITUARY.

Dr. William M. Jelliffe, principal of Grammar School No. 45, in Brooklyn, died yesterday morning at his home, 196 Sixth avenue, in that borough, of pneumonia. His last visit to the school was on Nov. 21. Dr. Jelliffe was born in Darien, Conn., 63 years ago. He graduated from the College of the City of New York, and began to teach in 1852 in the old Green-wich avenue school. Before his removal to Brooklyn, in 1863, he had for seven years been vice-principal in school No. 34 During his thirty-five years' services as a teacher in Brooklyn he had been at the head of several of the leading schools. He had been President of the Teachers' Aid Association since its organization. He had a wide local reputation as an elocutionist. In 1801 he got his degree of doctor of pedagogy from the New York University. He leaves a widow two sons and a daughter. The funeral will be held from the house to-morrow.

Mrs. Sabrie Ann Holly, said to be the oldest colored resident of Washington, died in that city on Monday. She was born a slave in St. Mary's county, M. and after heing freed continued to reside there until 1884, when she moved to Baltimore. Three years later she removed to Washington, and had since lived there with her son. She was the mother of twenty-three children, the youngest born 51 years ago. to Brooklyn, in 1863, he had for seven

years ago.

Former Police Captain John McConnell of the old Brooklyn Police Department died on Saturday at his home in Philadelphia, where he had been living since his retirement from the force in 1875. He was in command of the old York street station at the time of the arrest of Kate Stoddard for the murder of Charles Goodrich. The body will be brought to Brooklyn to-day for interment in Holy Cross Cemetery at Flatbush.

Shearse Olliffe, who had been in the harness business in Brooklyn for over fifty years, died on Tuesday at his home, 32 Duffield street, in the eightleth year of his age. He was one of the oldest surviving members of the Sands Street M. E. Church

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NO FUN FOR THE BIKE COPS. Snowy Weather Turns Them Into Common Policemen for the Time.

Just at present the work of the police bicycle squad is far from easy. No policeman who does his whole duty at this season of the year finds life a great pleasure, but the bloycle policeman notices the difference between summer and winter more than the other members of the department. He leaves his wheel at the station house and starts out on foot. He has the privilege of riding on cars while on post, but in the last few days even this has hardly mitigated the cold and the wet and the telium of his duty.

The bicycle policeman's first duty is regulation of traffic, and with one-half the street piled breast high with snow and the other half obstructed by stalled cars and wagons, it has been necessary for him to exerelse a wide discretion and much patience. The

wagons, it has been necessary for him to exercise a wide discretion and much patience. The arrests made by the squad average about fifteen a day, and the fact that they have run between three and six a day in the last week shows the extent to which the bieycle policemen have shown elemency during the storm and its aftermath of snow and slush.

Whether the men go out to their posts on their wheels or on foot is decided at the station from the reports of the roundsmen. Sometimes some posts will be reported as fit for riding when others are not. Then some of the men ride and some walk. Last winter there were only ten days when all the men covered their posts on foot. So far this winter there have been half as many days when all posts were unfit for bicycles. When the men go out on foot they wear long trousers and longings, but they do not change their cause or blouses. The bolicemen take advantage of their privilege of riding on street cars over as much of their posts as possible and frequently deliver their orders to drivers from car platforms.

There are ninety men in the squad and forty posts are covered. Each bost is about ten blocks long. The same territory is also covered by men from the receinct in which it lies so that there is double bolice duty done on all streets patrolled by bicycle policemen. This makes the men's work easier and gives a better service. The work of bicycle policemen does not confine their attention to traffic nor the precinct man to house cases. Each is on the lookout for wrongdoing of all kinds.

During the last week men of each branch have had innumerable cases for consideration and decision not werth reporting at their stations and the individuality of the bicycle squad has been lost to a great extent for a few days, but the long rows of bicycles waiting in the station lause are well, olded and on the first report of the roundsmen that posts are one more cleat the "bike cops" will be seen again in all their giory.

FATAL THANKSGIVING FROLIC.

Boy Dies of Injuries Inflicted by a Man While Parading.

Frederick Ganter, 10 years old, of 107 East noon at 320 Fifth street of hemorrhage of the throat. With several of his companions Ganter went out on Thanksgiving Day dressed up as ragamuffins, carrying a tin horn. At First avenue and Sixth street a man carrying a bundle met the parade. He pushed Ganter away from him, and in doing so drove the horn down the boy's throat. from him, and in doing so drove the horn down the boy's throat.

Ganter was not able to leave his home until Monday, when he attended his lessons in the grammar school at 3:30 Fifth street. About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon while at his desk he was attacked by hemorrhage of the throat. He ran into the street, where he lell into a snowdrift unconscious. Police Captain Diamond of the Fifth street station lifted the boy from the snow, and took him into the house at 320 Fifth street, where he died in a few minutes. Mrs. Ganter also said that she heard that her son had been in a snowball battle ye-terday while returning to school after his luncheon, and that he had been hit on the head by a snowball.

Harvard to Have an Infirmary. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 30.-By the gift of \$50,000 from Mr. James Stillman of New York city to cover the cost of land and an infirmary sick students, the immediate building o the Harvard infirmary, which has been under discussion for several years, is assured. The infirmary will bear the name of the donor, who has made this gift unhampered by restrictions. In addition, Mr. Stillman will contribute annually for four years the sum of \$2,500 toward the support of the infirmary.

Jury Secured for the Moore Blackmail Case. The trial of William A. E. Moore, who, with his wife, Fayne Strahan Moore, is accused of playing a badger game on Hotel Keeper Martin Mahon, was continued resterday before Re-corder Goff, and the whole day was consumed in getting a jury. The Recorder allowed the jurymen to go to their homes, and the case will be continued to-day.

The Weather.

Three storms, all of slight energy, appeared over the country resterday. The one which brought snow in this section was central on the Massachusetts coast, moving northeastward. The second storm was developing and moving northeastward from Oklahoma, preceded by cloudiness and rain in the central Mississippi States, principally in Missouri, Iowa and Indiana. The third storm was just beginning to show itself over northern Montana, when t was becoming threatening.
Fair weather prevailed in the South Atlantic, Gulf

colder in the Dakotas and Minnesota, also in Wisconsin, with the temperature at zero in North Dakota. The temperature in the Tennessee valley was close to freezing point. It was warmer in the Middle Atlantic and New England States. In this city the snowfall ended at 9:30 o'clock &. M., and fair weather prevailed the remainder of the

States and west of Missouri. It was from 10° to 20°

day. The total snowfall was 316 inches; average humidity, 78 per cent.; wind westerly, average velocity 22 miles an hour, highest temperature 41°, lowest 28"; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.36; 3 P. M., 29.47.

The temperature as recorded by the official ther-

mometer and also by Tax Sun's thermometer at the street level is shown in the annexed table: WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR THURSDAY.
For New England, fair; brisk northwesterly winds,

diminishing in force. For eastern New York, fair and cooler: diminishing orthwesterly winds. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, fair,

cooler; fresh northwesterly wisds, becoming vari-

For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryand, partly cloudy, with possibly rain or snow late Thursday: fresh westerly winds, becoming variable For western Pennsylvania, western New York and Ohio, partly cloudy, with possible snow flurries; fresh westerly to northwesterly winds.

Held in \$5,000 Bail for Not Complying with an Order of Court.

Mrs. Jane C. La Tourette, who occupies one of the handsomest residences in Amityville, was arrested as she alighted from a train in Long Island City yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Joseph De Bragga, on a charge of contempt of court, and was locked up in the Queens County jail in default of \$5,000 bail. Mrs. La Tourette was the defendant in a suit tried before Justice Garretson in the Queens County Supreme Court several weeks ago, in which her husband, Richard C. La Tourette of Staten Island, sought to recover property valued at about \$20,000, which he alleged his wife had induced him to make over to her.

Mr. La Tourette testified that he had been kept a prisoner in the Amityville house by his wife, who administered morphia to him to alleviate his sufferings from rheumatism until he became enslaved by the drug and was in-capacitated and helpiess. He said his wife en-couraged him in the habit, and when he finally became incompetent to administer his own affairs she induced him to make his property

over to her.

In her defence Mrs. La Tourette said she was over to her.

In her defence Mrs. La Tourette said she was a graduate of an electropathic college in Philadelphia. She had treated her husband for rheumatism, she said, and at times administered to him one-sixth of a grain of morphia at a dose, but that he never became addicted to the use of the drug. She said her husband was addicted to drink, but that his mind was perfectly clear from either drink or drugs when he conveyed the property in dispute to her. No decision was rendered at the time of the trial, but later Justice Garretson ordered Mrs. La Tourette to turn certain property over to her husband. She failed to comply with the order of the court.

On Tuesday Deputy Sheriff De Bragga went to Amityville to arrest her, but was unable to get into the house. He left some body on ghard, and this morning he received word that Mrs. La Tourette had left for Long Island City.

Mrs. La Tourette protested against her arrest and averred that she was then on her way to New York to attend to the formalities of complying with the order of the Court. De Bragga at once sent for the attorneys in the case, but when they arrived Mrs. La Tourette had changed her mind and concluded that she would not give up the property.

MALICE IN A POLICE COURT? ugh, Tombs Prisoner, Says a Clerk De-

layed His Case Out of Spite. Eugene Pugh of 347 West Twenty-sixth street, who is a prisoner in the Tombs on a charge of petit larceny, sent a note to Justice Hinsdale in the Court of Special Sessions yes terday asking that he be granted a trial. Pugh said in the note that he was arrested on Nov. 3. charged with stealing a bicycle, the property of Charles Berry, who lives in the same house. Fourth street, died suddenly yesterday after- He was examined in the Yorkville Police Court before Magistrate Wentworth and was held in before Magistrate Wentworth and was held in \$300 bail for trial. He charged that through the malice of one of the clerks in that court he had not had an opportunity to plead.

Justice Hinsdale inquired of Chief Clerk Fuller whether the papers in Pugh's case had been received, and learned that they reached the clerk's office on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Clerk Fuller notified the District Attorney, who said that the delay in sending down the papers could be due only to malice or gross carelessness on the part of the clerks in the Yorkville Court. Pugh's case was set down for trial this morning at 10 o'clock. The District Attorney will try to find out the cause of the delay.

MANDAMUS FOR POLICE BOARD.

Kurlander Benevolent Association Wants Permit for Saturday Night Ball. Michael Heumann, the President of the Ballroom and Park Proprietors' Association, appeared before the Police Board yesterday and asked for a permit to allow the Kurlander

Benevolent Association to hold a masquerade ball at the Central Opera House next Saturday ball at the Central Opera House next Saturday night. Mr. Heumann was accompanied by Maurice Untermyer, counsel for the association, who said that the ball would end promptly at midnight. The board denied the request, adhering to the rule it set for itself several weeks are, that no permits would be issued for masked balls to be held on Saturday nights, because they invariably lasted into Sunday. Dancing on Sunday is a violation of the law.

Mr. Untermyer told Fressilent York that the Supreme Court would be asked to issue a mandamus to compel the board to grant the permit. Several other permits for Saturday night dances were denied.

Born in a Hurry-Up Wagon.

A bouncing baby boy was born in a police hurry-up wagon in Newark on Tuesday night. Dr. Cook of 451 Orange street notified the police of the Second precinct that Mrs. Bridget Mitchell, aged 19, of 537 Market street, was suddenly taken ill in his office and must be taken to a hospital. Polleeman Kocher and Driver Byrne were sent out with the combination wagon, which is convertible into an ambulance, and, during the drive to the hospital, they heard an infant wailing. Mother and child are both doing well.

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Appellate Division—Supreme Court.—Recess.
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Supreme Court—Appellate Term.—Part II.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 A. M. Part II.—Ex-parts matters. Part III.—Case unfinished. Motions. De murrer—No. 861. Preferred causes—Nos. 2035. 2036. 2242. 2188. 2147. 2188. 2249. Part IV.—Clear. Law and fact—Nos. 859. 1628. 162. 1345. 310. 602. 534. 655. 821. 825. 826. 844. 8:6. 1072. 1073. 1171. 1172. 1173. 1174. 1178. 1184. 1184. 1184. 1187. 1419. 1475. 1483. 1701. 1181. 1182. 1126. 1227. 1359. 1368. 1359. 1398. 1408. 1418. 1416. 1417. 1419. 1475. 1483. 1701. Part V.—Case unfinished. Cares from Part IV. Part VI.—Gase unfinished. Cares from Part II.—Case unfinished. Preferred causes—Nos. 6791. 6006. 7049. 6759. 6851. 7178. 6017. 7414. 6201. 0080. 6081. 7053. 6719. 6852. 6371. 6865. 566. 7051. 1276. 6457. 5758. 5952. 6371. 6865. 566. 7051. 1276. 6457. 5758. 5952. 6371. 6865. 566. 7051. 1276. 6457. 6258. 8162. 6371. 6377. 7414. 6201. 0080. 6081. 7053. 8254. 8258. 8444. 1729. 3609. 3702. 8707. 3717. 8720. 8728. 8444. 1729. 3609. 3702. 8707. 3717. 8720. 8728. 8444. 1729. 3609. 3702. 8707. 3717. 8720. 8728. 8444. 1729. 3609. 3702. 8707. 3717. 8720. 8728. 8349. 2204. 2301. 3409. 3666. 8867. 3624. 8825. 8448. 1729. 3609. 2407. 3606. 8868. 8869. 2474. 8835. 8359. 2844. 3835. 3836. 8369. 2474. 8835. 8359. 2484. 3835. 3836. 8369. 2474. 8835. 8359. 2484. 3835. 3849. 3846. 3846. 8469. 2474. 8835. 8359. 2484. 3845. 3845. 3849. 3845. 3846. 3846. 8469. 2474. 8835. 8359. 2484. 3845. 3845. 3847. 3866. 8858. 8859. Part VII.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III.—Part VI.—Adjourned for the term. Part VII.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part VII.—Part XI.—Case unfinished. nushed. Cases from Part II.

Burrogate's Court-chambers.—No. 1898, will of
the Hagen at 11 A. M. For probate—Wills of
strick N gie, Harris Rosenthai, Rate Parker at 10:30
M. Trial Term.—No. 1899, will of Christian de
homsen at 10:30 A. M.
City Court-Special Term.—Court opens at 10 A. M.
otions. General Term.—Adjourned sine die. Trial
srm.—Paris L. H. HI. and IV.—Adjourned for the
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Court of Appeals Calendar,

ALBANT, Nov. 30.—Court of Appeals day calendar for to n orrow: Nos. u61, 063, uap, 580, 650, 667, u68 and 670.

Albert Gillespie's Daughter Seeks to Have His Person and Property Cared For. Julia Gillespie has taken proceedings in the Supreme Court to have the mental condition of her father, Albert Gillespie, passed upon. He is a retired merchant and lives at the Hotel Majestic. One of his illusions, she says, is that he did not do enough benevolent work in his early life, and he has set about making up for the omission. He recently sent a lot of checks to charitable institutions, and his daughter then began proceedings to have a committee appointed to care for him and his property.

BELIEVES HER FATHER INSANE,

appointed to care for him and his property.

Miss Gillespie inherited property from her grandfather, James M. Billings, which she turned over to her father for investment when she came of age, in 1890. Some of the investments were disastrons, she says, but her lather still has some realty and about \$15,000 in securities belonging to her.

Miss Gillespie lived with her father at the hotel until recently, when she was advised that it was dangerous to do so any longer, and she went to live with her uncle, Julius H. Seymour, at 304 West Eighty-sixth street. She says that her father has threatened to jump from the windows of the hotel, and sometimes will not eat or take medicine, fearing poison. The court has appointed Dr. O. P. Buell, Francis J. Quinlan, and Joha P. Pulleyn commissioners to pass upon Mr. Gillespie's condition before a Sheriff's jury.

WESTERN RATE WAR IMPENDING? Freight Tariffs from Omaha Shattered-A Passenger Cut Threatened.

OMAHA, Nov. 30.—Freight rates from Omaha, East and West, have gone to pieces and passenger tariffs are threatened. Each railway line charges the other with having started the trouble, but it bids fair to spread over the whole Western country.

May Absorb the Oregon Short Line. At a meeting of the directors of the Union Pacific Railroad to-day a proposition to exchange Union Pacific common stock for the outstanding minority stock of the Oregon outstanding minority stock of the Oregon Short Line will be considered. The Union Pacific already controls the Oregon Short Line. The proposed exchange of securities would be merely a carrying out of the contemplated absorption of the stock of the Short Line, which carries with it the ultimate control of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, assuring to the Union Pacific a through line under its own control from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean.

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